

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Play It Again

Don't miss out on the opportunity to save \$25! Return your re-registration forms before April 13 to get in on the savings. You will also be entered in a raffle to win back your registration fee by turning them in early. We really need this information to help plan our staffing needs for next year.

Baby Bottles

The baby bottles, our Lenten project, are due back to the office March 26. Thank you for your generosity.

PIP Deadline

PIP Hour forms are due into the office by April 9. If you are choosing the buy-out option, please send in your check with your form.

Schoolspeak

A gentle reminder that all accounts must be up-to-date by March 22nd in order to view your report cards on the 23rd. This includes payment of the Super Raffle fee.



Above and Beyond

Congratulations to Anna Swiatek! Her poster for the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest won at both the local level and at the Diocesan level. Great job, Anna!

Irish Blessings

Last Saturday was the Seraphim Ball, our major fundraiser, for the school. We were blessed to have April Ray and Cathy Medernach co-chair this incredible event. They did a fantastic job, and the night was a roaring success! We are grateful for all that they did to make this evening so special.





Food for Thought

The Knights of Columbus host a Lenten Fish Fry each Friday in Connor Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Springfield Dominican nuns.

Come and enjoy six varieties of soup along with bread and socialize with other parish families after Mass in Connor Hall on Saturday evenings during Lent. From 5:15-6:30 PM until March 24, you can enjoy this fundraiser for the food pantry and get a night off from cooking. There is even take out available. The only cost is a donation to the food pantry.

STEM Needs

Sixth grade is looking for clean 2 liter pop bottles for their next STEM project. If you have any, please send them into the office. Thank you!

The Final Bell

Eighth grade graduation packets went home this week. Please check back packs for this important information.

Date Change

Next Bingo Night is April 27.

Plans are already underway for next year's extravaganza as Mrs. Medernach has graciously agreed to do it all again. But she needs a co-chair. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please email me (tforbes@holyangelsschool.net.)

÷ and Conquer

Congratulations to the Holy Angels Math Team that competed successfully at IMSA yesterday. Competing against over 20 teams, the Holy Angels Mathletes finished 3rd overall in the *Creative Thinking* category! The competition was much harder this year, but our team was competitive and brought home a well-deserved math award for our school.

The IMSA competition represents the end of the Math Club season and demonstrates the importance of working hard, working together, and having fun while learning. The team was successful not only for these reasons, but because each one of the members matters!

Easter Egg-citement

On Saturday, March 24 from 10:00-11:30, Home & School will be hosting a morning of faith and fun at their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities will begin in the gym and then continue to Lincoln Park to hunt for eggs. Price for admission is a canned food item for the Food Pantry. Please pre-register by emailing Tricia Heinle at tricia.heinle@yahoo.com. The actual hunt is for those in grades PK-5, but all are welcome to watch the fun.

And the Grammy Goes To...

On Saturday, March 10, students from the Holy Angels School band attended the Solo Festival in Tinley Park. These musicians had been working individually on different solos since December and performed their pieces with a piano accompanist for a judge's critique. They were judged on categories such as stage presence, rhythmic accuracy, technique, and musicality. Each performer had a chance to earn a gold, silver, or bronze medal rating. Congratulations to Giovanni Gutierrez on his bronze medal, Anthony Quail on receiving a silver medal, and Cassidy Eddy, Ryan Churchill, and Aiden Soto who all received gold medals.

With Thankful Hearts

We received this note of thanks for our recent Black and White Dress Down Day. "As spring begins to bud forth, know that your generous gift of \$680 brings hope and promise to the Dominican Sisters! The time we spent at Holy Angels is imbedded in our

hearts. Thanks for thinking of us!

In this time of “rebirth,” we continue to help create a world of mutual love and respect for all those we serve. Thank you for partnering with us in “*compassionately preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*” You and your intentions are in our daily prayers. May your days be filled with the promise of Easter!”

On the Right Track

If your child would like to participate in Track and Field this spring, please register as soon as possible. Practices will begin on March 26, but registration will remain open until March 31. Here is the registration link: <http://holyangels.sportssignup.com>. Click on *registration* located just above the news photos. Should you have any questions or need any information, please email Paul McCue at pmccue@holyangelsschool.net.

Hitting the Books

March is National Reading Month and we’re celebrating with a book drive. Our KIDS Club will be sponsoring a book drive to benefit our littlest of learners - our preschoolers. This drive will run until April 20. Students can bring new or gently used books appropriate for emerging readers to school for Mrs. Timm. Consider looking through your books at home during *spring cleaning week* (aka/Easter Break) and sending them in for another child to love and enjoy.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday - Culver’s Restaurant Day (Oswego location)

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15

Report Cards

Saturday - Easter Egg Hunt 10:00

Bringing Home the Faith

Why Do We Give Alms?

Charitable giving is a very ancient practice; almsgiving was normative long before the birth of Jesus. The Lenten call to almsgiving means making the needs of other people our own. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. Sharing our material goods is often just the beginning of real Christian giving. We are also called to share our time tending to people in need.

Outside-the-Box Ideas for Giving

- Volunteer at a neonatal center, giving premature babies a human touch

- Tutor a child or mentor a college graduate
- Increase your donation to your local parish

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter; it is a necessary prelude. The sacrificial practices of Lent prepare and purify us in body, mind, and spirit for the passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(From *Your Guide to a Catholic Lent*, OSV.com)

Mass Times: *Saturdays 4:30*
Sundays 6:45, 8:00 (Extraordinary Form, Latin, 1st & 3rd Sundays), 9:30, 11:00

Confession Times: *Sunday after 9:30 Mass*
Tuesday after 8:00 Mass
Wednesday 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday after 6:30 AM Mass
Saturday after 8:15 Mass and 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Mission Statement

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Holy Angels School is committed to spiritual formation, which nurtures the Catholic faith and inspires its practice. It is committed to academic excellence, which fosters the growth of each individual. Holy Angels School strives to meet the intellectual, social, and ethical challenges of living in a technological, global, and culturally diverse society.

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